

# BETHESDA MENNONITE CHURCH

HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Prelude Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

Special Music Worship Band  
Jay & Marilyn Kroeker, Bennett Friesen, Logan Bechtel,  
Braden Janzen, Connie Bechtel, Lindy Siebert,  
Ashton Brown, Kara Janzen, Amanda Goertzen

Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Chelsea Vaught

\*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" HWB 37  
(Children are invited to come forward on stanza 4.)

Children's Focus Kara Janzen

\*"Be Thou My Vision" HWB 545

Congregational Prayer Pastor Andrea Wall

Special Music Worship Band

Scripture Reading Pastor J Epp

Matthew 13:44-52

**Leader:** This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

Message "The Parable of the Hidden Treasure" Pastor J Epp

\*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" HWB 70

Announcements Pastor Chelsea Vaught

Offering to God Pastor Chelsea Vaught  
Offertory Marilyn Kroeker, Pianist

\* Benediction

Pastor J Epp

\*Special Music

Worship Band

*\* If you are able, you are invited to stand*

All are invited to participate in the Christian Education Hour  
and to stop by the Coffee Spot in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m.

For our monthly Sunday Potluck!

## The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let

down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and

collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will

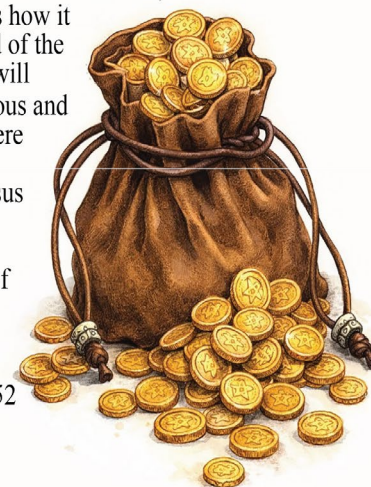
come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

MATTHEW 13:44-52



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*Matthew 13:45-46*



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- When you are unable to attend worship, please join us via...
  - Radio at KOOL 103.5 FM at 11:30 a.m.
  - Livestream at <http://bethesdamc.org/watch-live>
  - Cobalt Cable Channel #3207
- Hearing Impaired Worshipers: If you need hearing assistance, feel free to sit in the front center seating to take advantage of our Hearing-Loop system. Williams units are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for your use.
- When you desire pastoral care outside of office hours, please call:
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  - Pastor Chelsea Vaught: 402-363-7004 (cell) or email [chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org](mailto:chelsea.vaught@bethesdamc.org)
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